

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – April 2013 – open to the public

DATE: 04/30/2013 TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: Lakeside Sewer District Meeting Room; 253 Bierney Creek Rd.

NOTICED: County P&Z website Calendar of Events page; posters in Library and Post Office in Lakeside, submitted to DIL Daybook column.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order and Sign-in sheet passed.
2. Public Comment for items not on the agenda
3. Approve Agenda: Approve agenda for 04/30
4. Approve prior meeting minutes: Approve meeting minutes from 3/26/2012
5. Review/recommendations on any County applications in the Lakeside planning area (if any are scheduled): none
6. Guest presentations or reports (listed below, if any are scheduled): None
7. Sub-committee reports from any LCC authorized subcommittees (listed below, if any are scheduled): No sub-committees currently active.
8. Procedural discussions or items (listed below, if any are scheduled)
 - a. By-Laws – do we need to make any changes?
 - b. Craig Koontz's replacement (reference 3 letters of interest) – do we want to make any recommendations to the commissioners?
 - c. Adams St. Issues
 - i. Additional letter received from Sue Reppa re: Adams St.
 - ii. Draft council Letter to County regarding Adams Street issues -Gene.
9. Continue discussion and prioritization of Lakeside Plan Implementation Strategies (Workshop discussion):
 - a. List agencies Council should keep in touch with, frequency, and assign a council member to each.
 - b. Go through table of contents of the 2010 Plan and assign chapter/section review to council members, who need to make recommendations in subsequent meetings on updates to chapters assigned to them.
10. Meeting adjourned

NOTE: Public comment will be accepted on any agenda item when that item is being discussed.

MEETING MINUTES:

Council Members attending: Gene Shellerud, David Fetveit, Meredith Coopman, Mike Wilson, Barb Miller, Janet Conroy

Council Members not attending: none

P&Z attendees: none

Public: Marti Seminoff, Craig Seminoff

1. Meeting called to order & sign-in sheet passed 7:02pm.
2. No public comment.
3. Mike moved, Meridith seconded and passed unanimously to approve April meeting agenda.

4. Gene moved, Meridith seconded, Janet abstained & passed with remaining members to approve March meeting minutes.
5. No county business to consider/
6. No guest speaker.
7. No subcommittees currently active.
8. Procedural:
 - a. Defer discussion of By-Laws to May meeting – Barb will follow up with BJ to better understand the concern he expressed at a meeting earlier this year.
 - b. Craig Seminoff indicated he had decided to apply for the vacant seat and that he thought the seat had been vacant for a long time. Both of the other candidates had other obligations and were not present. Craig indicated that he believed in property owner rights and that he wished to serve the community, (note that the Seminoff's opted to leave the meeting when discussion continued, since Craig is one of the candidates). Mike moved, Janet seconded, Barb called for vote and vote was unanimous to send a recommendation to the Commissioners. Council members discussed the three candidates who sent letters of interest to fill Craig's vacancy and determined to vote for the three candidates (each member could vote for one, two or all three candidates), and communicate the resulting recommendation, via letter to the Commissioners (see letter from David below with results).
 - c. Adam Street issue.
 - i. Sue Repa sent a communication regarding this issue after the March meeting (see below).
 - ii. Council agreed that a short, to-the-point communication from the Council should be drafted and sent to the Commissioners and the Dept. of Roads & Bridges supporting the community's position that the County should be maintaining Adams Street to the top all the way to Troutbeck and Grayling connections. Gene to follow-up and have a draft to review at the next meeting.
 - d. Gene communicated that the QRU is ready to host the Council. Moving our meeting location to the QRU will be on the May meeting agenda. There is a form to sign; Gene to bring this to May meeting.
9. Continue discussion of Lakeside Plan implementation and upcoming revision.
 - a. The 2010 Plan recommended that Council get various organizations, government agencies, etc. to provide status, concerns & plans periodically to the council. To this end, it was agreed that each council member volunteer to follow up with specific agencies/organizations:
 - i. EMS: Gene
 - ii. Fire & wildfire: Mike
 - iii. School District: Meredith
 - iv. Sheriff & Law Enforcement: Barb
 - v. LCWSD: Mike
 - vi. Solid Waste: David
 - vii. Library: Janet
 - viii. Chamber of Commerce: David
 - ix. Parks, Roads – County & Montana: whomever fills Craig's vacancy
 - x. Lake – DEQ, FWP, Corps of Engineers, Lakers, & others: Mike
 - b. At a prior meeting, it was decided that the Council members would undertake the needed update to the 2010 Neighborhood Plan. Barb pointed out that most of the updates needed are in the sections dealing with "Existing Conditions". Members can volunteer to be responsible for specific sections – additional discussion deferred to the May meeting.
 - c. Barb moved, Janet seconded & unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

May 1, 2013

Flathead County Commissioners

RE: Lakeside Community Council - Vacant Position

Dear Commissioners:

Pursuant to a decision made by the Lakeside Community Council in our meeting on April 30, 2013, I write this letter to help provide assistance in your decision to select a replacement candidate for the vacancy on our council created by the resignation of Craig Koontz.

There are three candidates that have submitted letters of interest and background information. All three letters have been forwarded to your office for consideration. The Lakeside Community Council unanimously agreed that all three candidates are qualified, and no negative issues were raised regarding any of the candidates or their abilities to serve on the council at this time. However, we also agreed that a recommendation from the council could be beneficial to your selection process.

The Lakeside Community Council conducted a poll during our April 30, 2013 meeting by which all six of our current members voted for as few as one, or as many as all three candidates. The results of our poll were as follows:

Candidate Affirmative Votes

Craig Seminoff 5

Johanna Bangeman 4

J.C. Chaix 2

Based on this poll and council discussions, we recommend Craig Seminoff as the replacement candidate at this time. Please contact us if you would like any additional information regarding this matter.

Regards,

David Fetveit, Chairman

Lakeside Community Council

The following communication came from Susan Repa after the February meeting

MINUTES: ----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Susan Repa** <susanrepa@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 28, 2013 at 1:07 PM

Subject: Lakeside Community Council Issues

To: David Fetveit <david@twre.com>

Cc: bgrieve@flathead.mt.gov

David,

I am writing to you, the President of the Lakeside Community Council. Thank you for allowing me to speak at the February 26, 2013 meeting. I regret I became emotional, and apologize to all.

Am I correct in thinking that my last e-mail message to you will be included in the minutes? If not, I ask that you include the previous and this message into the next Council meeting.

I fear that so much time was spent on the safety issue of Adams Street, that the bigger picture I attempted to address was lost:

- Flathead County needs to address their thirty year Road Maintenance Policy.
- All Community Council Boards should have the opportunity to give their input as to County Road Maintenance.

In that end, I would like to formally request Lakeside Community Council to:

- Request that the Flathead County Commissioners send a survey to all the Community Council Boards asking if they think the current thirty year Policy of NOT adding any roads to be maintained is fair and equitable.
 - The survey should/could ask the Boards which roads in their area should be included/excluded in the County Maintenance Policy.

I repeat, the County Commissioners are doing taxpayers a disservice by not seeking outside guidance concerning County Road Maintenance. They should NOT rely solely on a county employee (David Prunty) who has a vested interest to keep the "status quo."

I would also like to make the following corrections/comments:

- I appreciate Gene Shelrude's frankness on how Spurwing Estates Developer, Charles Lapp was forced to build the extension to Adams Street. Charles Lapp built the road according to Flathead County's specifications. (see attached pdf "troutbeck 2005.10.06")
- I appreciate Mike Wilson's frankness on why the Fire Department refused to send a letter to Flathead County supporting the maintenance of Adams Street by said County. They were under the impression that Adams Street was extended for the sole benefit of Spurwing Estates, their position was that the Spurwing HOA should maintain. I can only hope that after the meeting, Mike will notify the Fire Department of the correct facts. Perhaps they will change their minds and send a letter to the County Commissioners in support of maintaining Adams Street for safety purposes.
 - In support of the facts, I am attaching documents:
 - Word Document which includes Flathead County GIS mapping of Adams St and Grayling Road.
 - A pdf document sent by BJ Grieve which shows the current maintained Flathead County Roads.
 - A pdf document copied from Flathead County's Preliminary Plat file from Troutbeck Rise' then President Marc Liechti, confirming Gene Shelrude's assertion that Charles' was required to improve and extend said roads. Please note Marc's letter states these improvements "should provide better access options for our development as a whole."
- Johanna Bangeman stated incorrectly that Charles Lapp was foreclosed upon and left Spurwing Estates without an HOA. Charles did sign over all unsold properties to Mountain West Bank. Charles turned over the HOA to the lot owners in March 2012. The HOA is active. However, whether or not Spurwing has an active HOA, it is under no obligation to maintain any County Roads built by Charles. (I often wonder if Charles would not have spent his hundreds of thousands of dollars to build roads (and utilities) to help with the area connectivity, would he still be solvent? Perhaps Charles would have had

adequate funds to properly address water capacity issues with Lakeside County Water and Sewer District?)

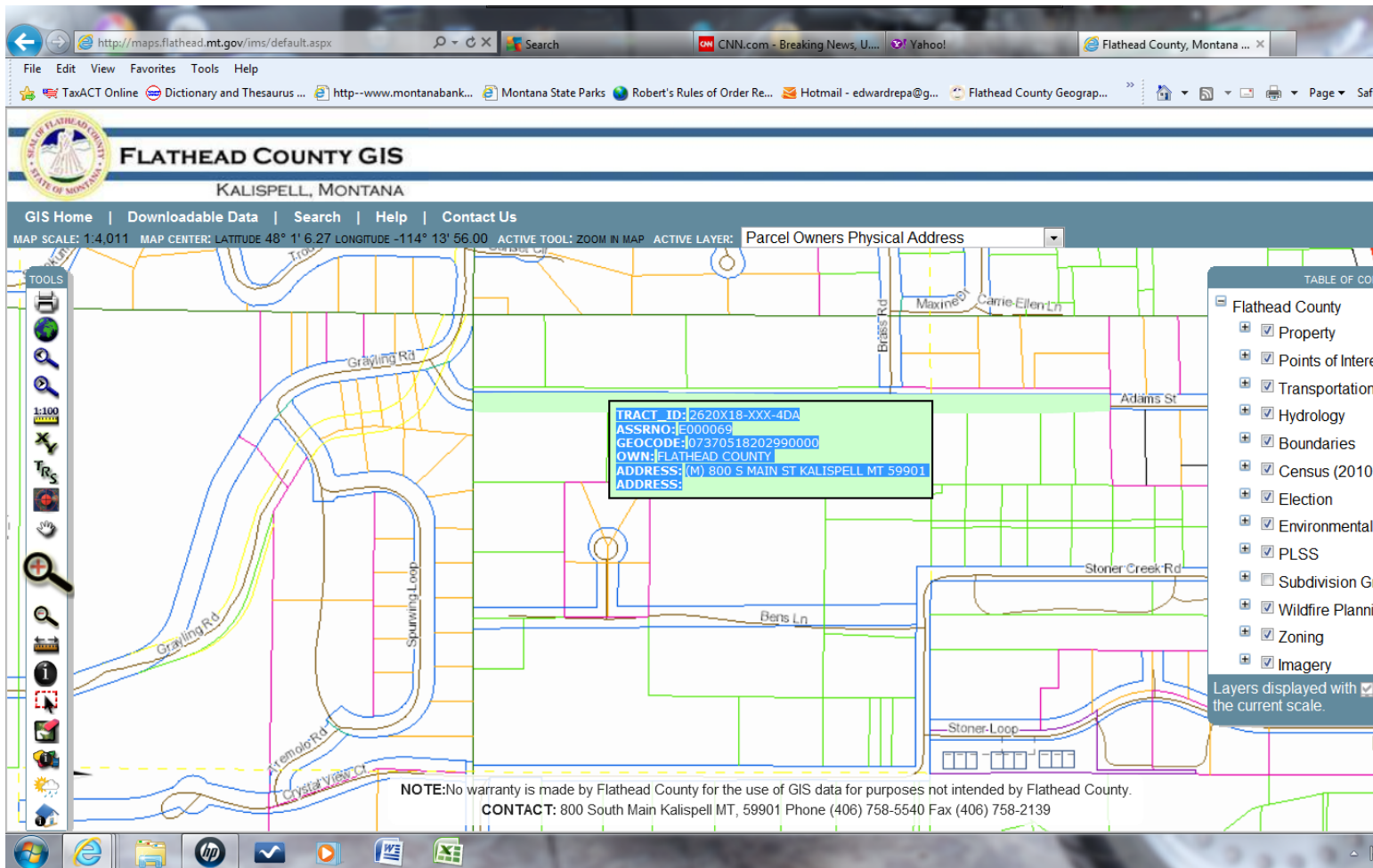
- It was mentioned that Spurwing Estates closed off their "private" Spurwing Loop Road. It was implied that Spurwing was required two methods of egress and since Spurwing Loop was closed off, Adams Street would be the second method (the first being Grayling). Please note, Spurwing was advised by BJ Grieve that the Subdivision had every right to close a "private" road. This was confirmed by Spurwing's attorney.
 - Currently, Spurwing Estates Subdivision has four dwellings, only two are occupied. There is no logical reason to keep a road open when no access is required by Spurwing HOA Members.

I appreciate a response from the Lakeside Community Council after the next meeting.

Thank You,

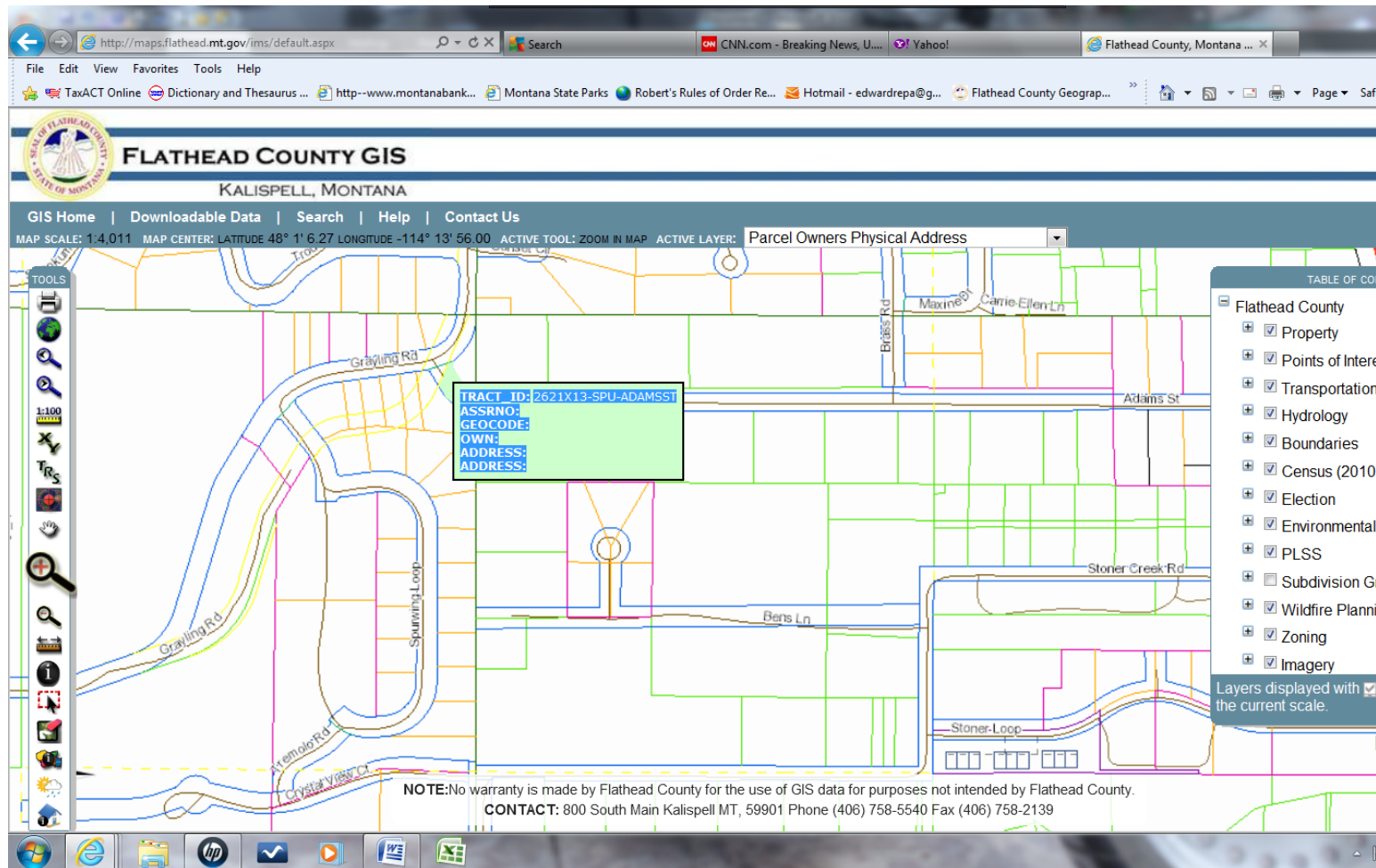
Susan Repa

copying BJ Grieve so he can confirm/correct the above



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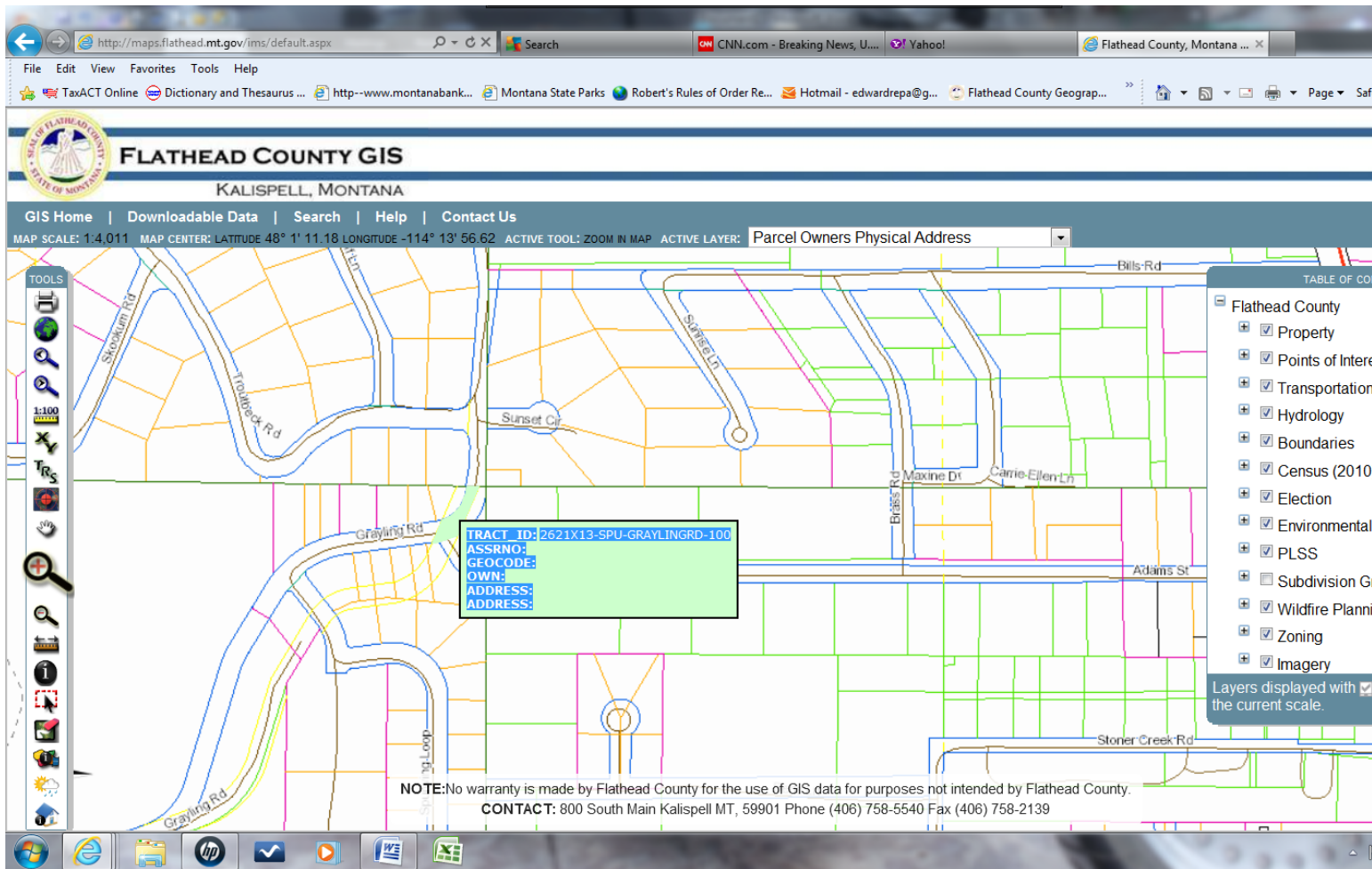
Spurwing Estates is under no obligation to maintain according to Flathead County’s BJ Grieve.



Adams Street from the edge of Flathead County’s boundary is part of Spurwing Estates Common area.

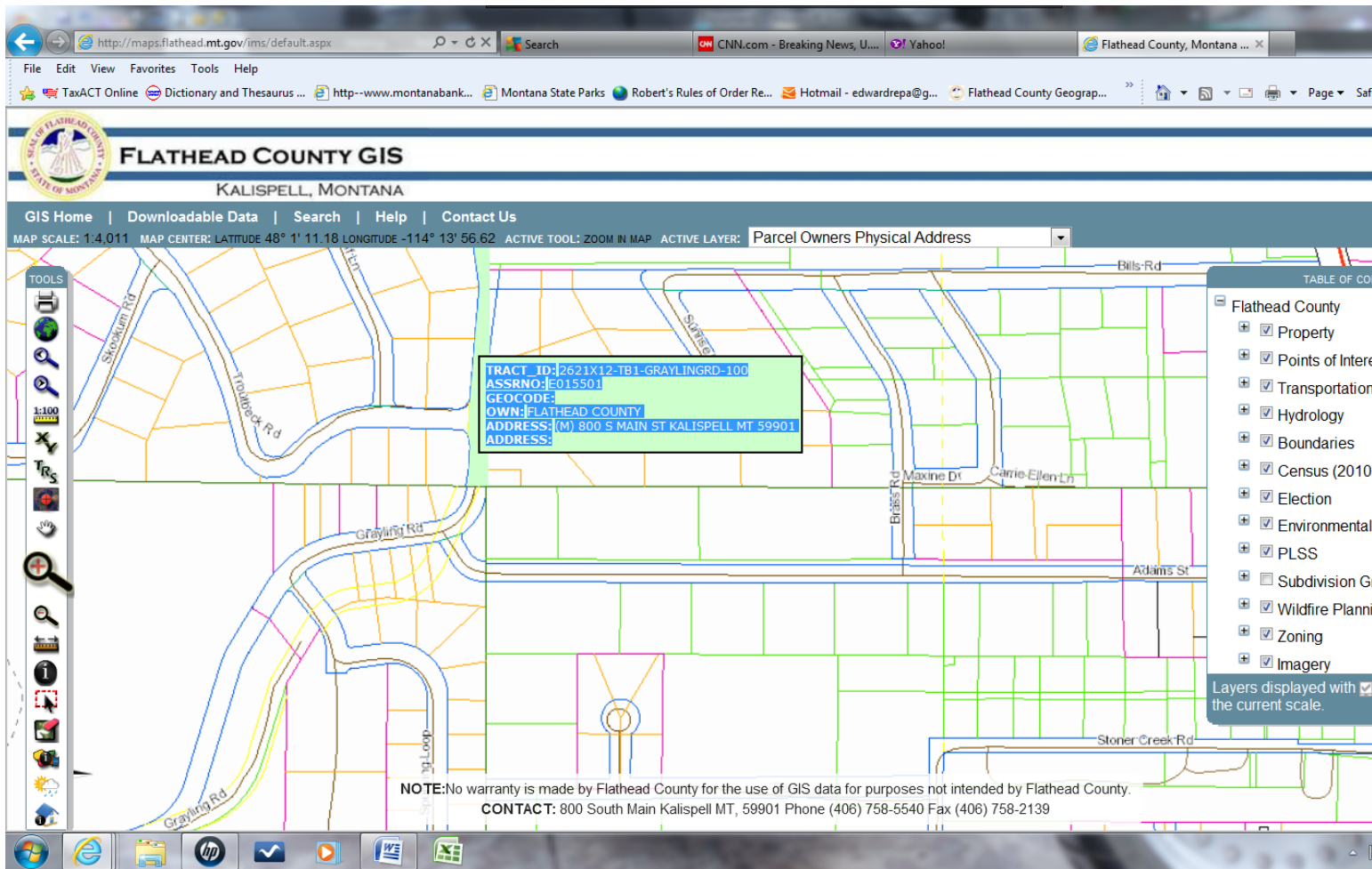
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Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting Elaine Nelson at the Flathead County Commissioner’s Office at 758-5501 or TTY (800) 335-7592, or call Montana Relay at 711. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.



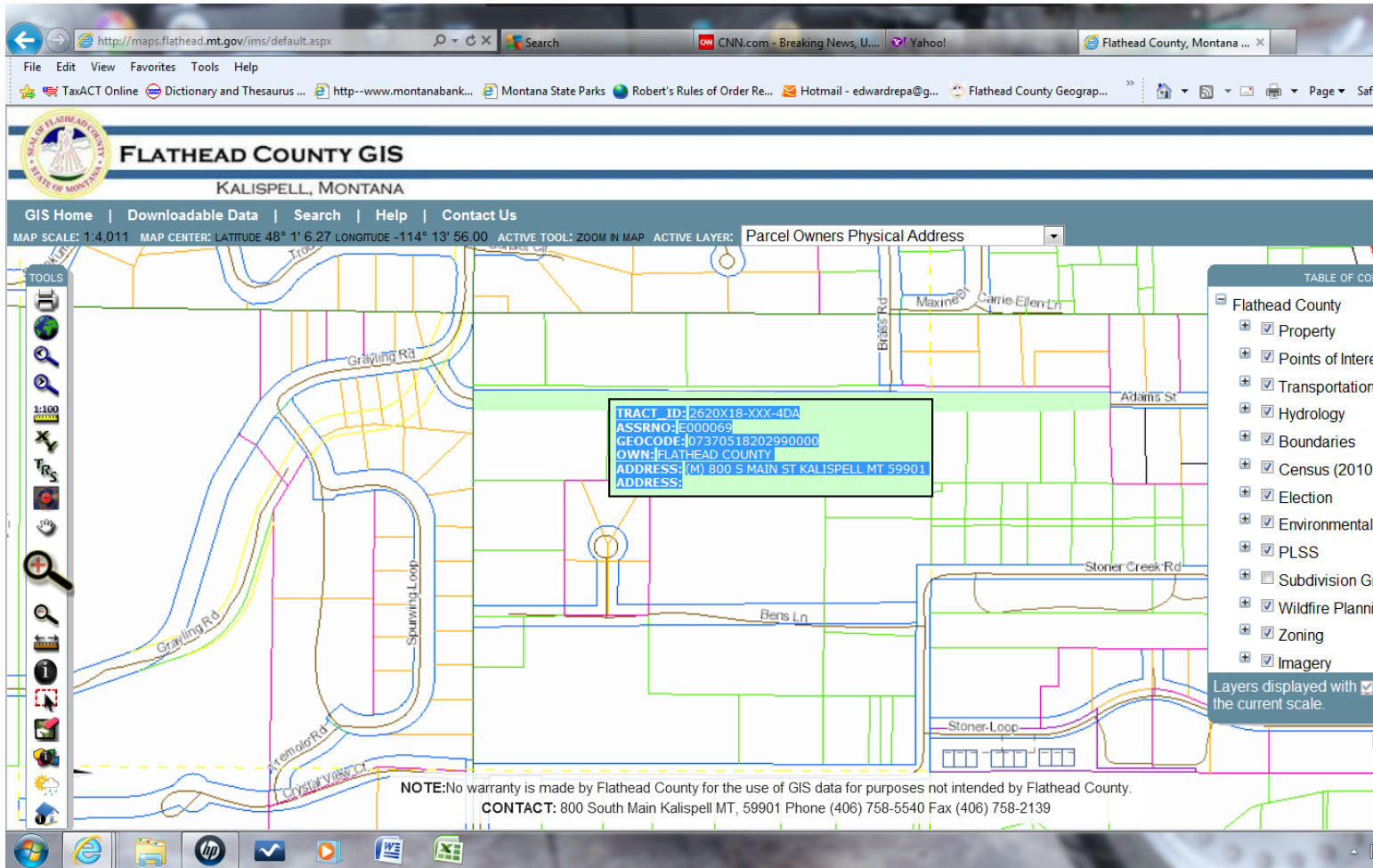
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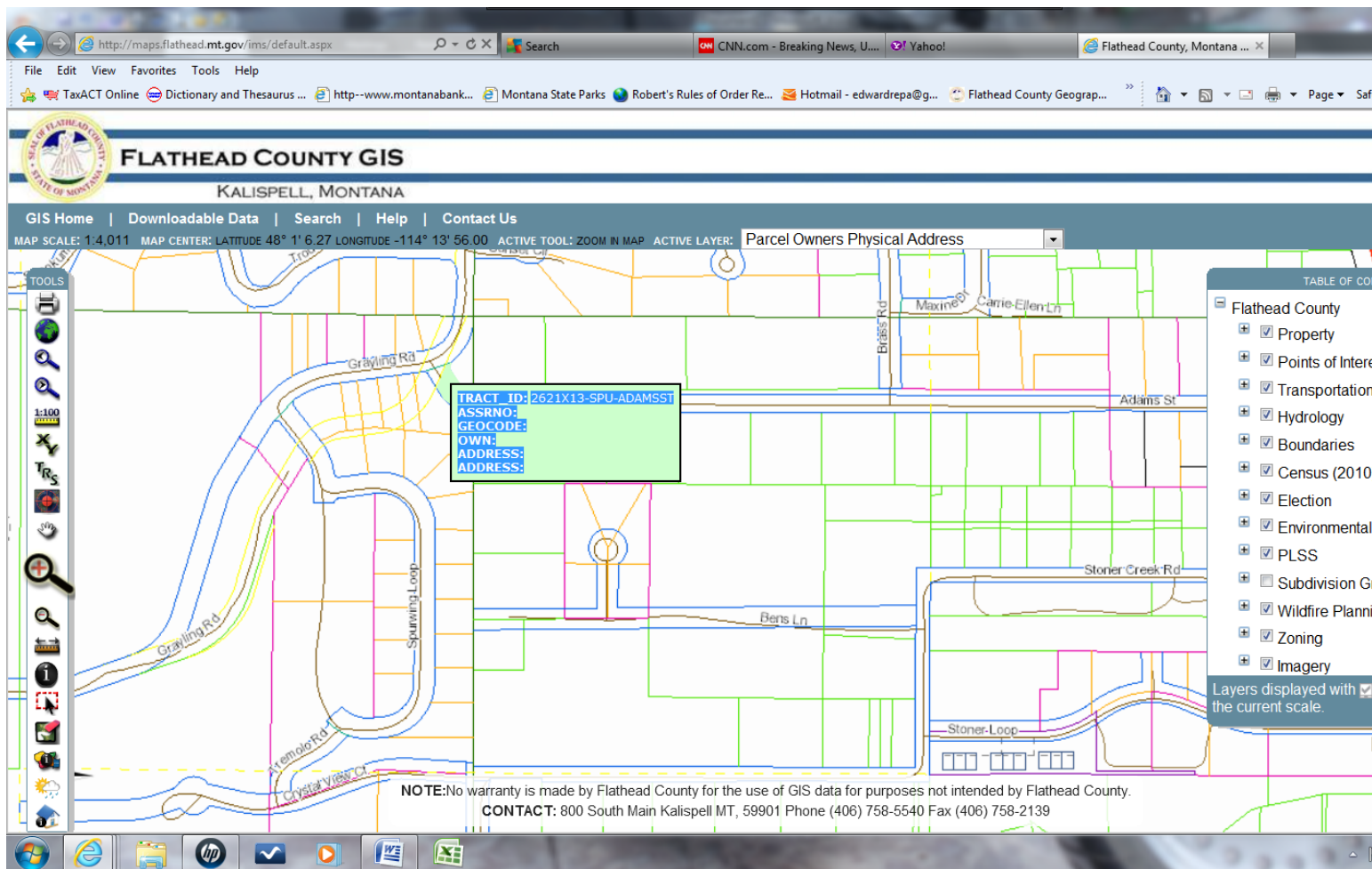
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Flathead County should be maintaining Grayling Road “up to” the edge of Spurwing Subdivision. (They have NOT been plowing.)



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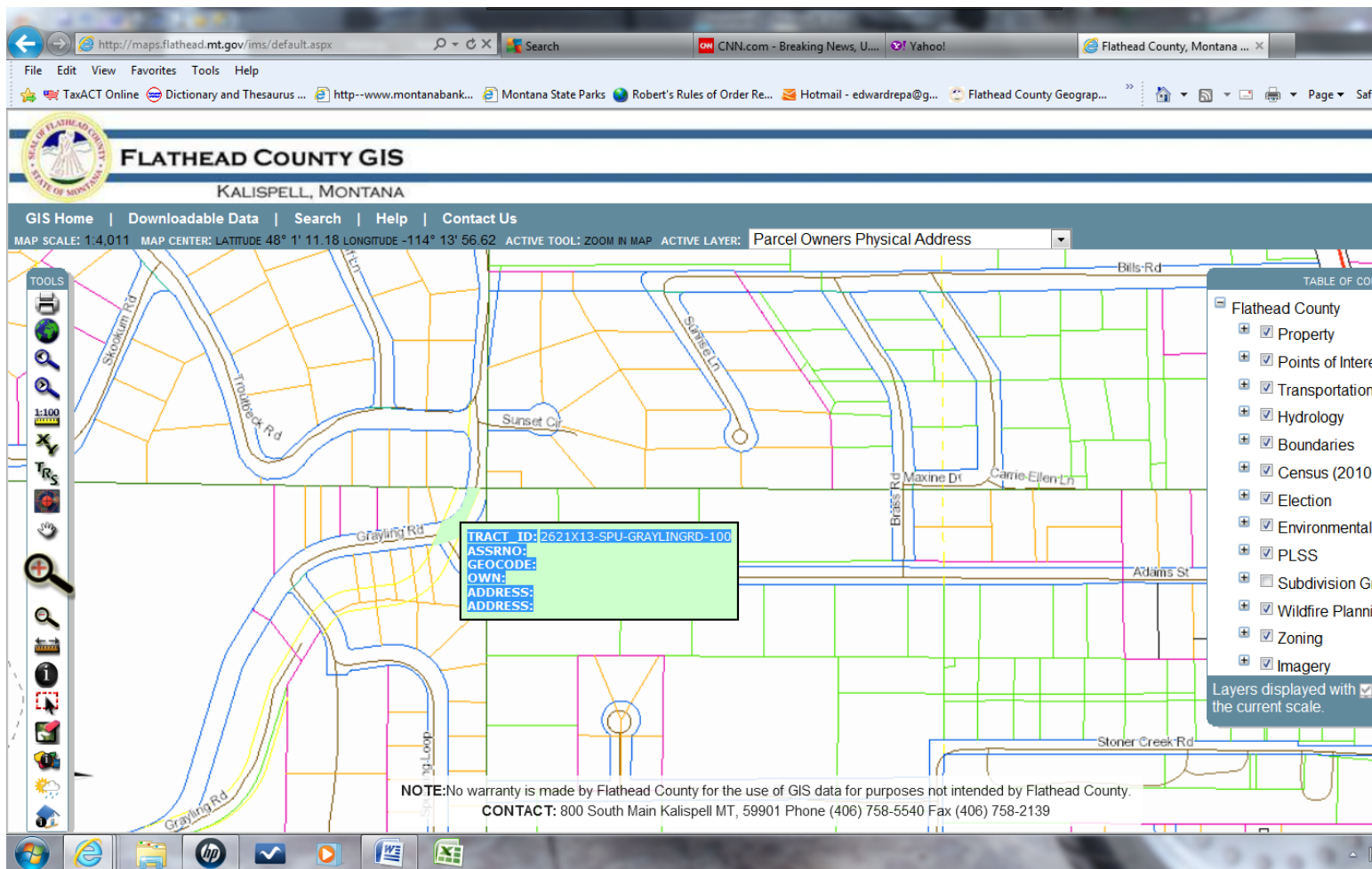
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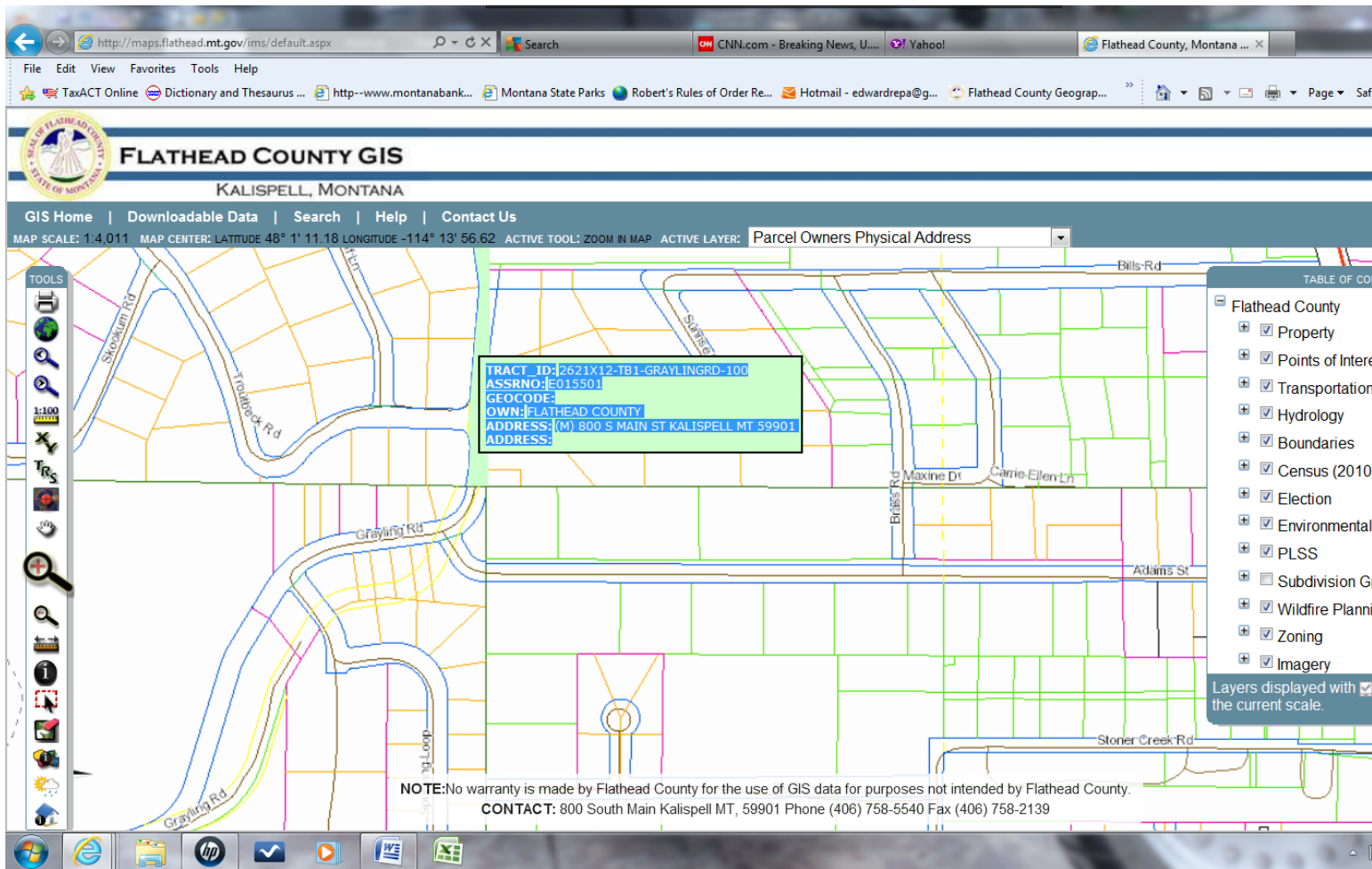
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